

Senate Resolution 131

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Booker Terry Brantley, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Booker Terry Brantley, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Brantley was born on March 9, 1935, in Troy, Alabama, a beloved son of
5 Booker Terry Brantley, Sr., and Polly Ann McMillan Brantley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brantley pursued his entrepreneurial dreams, beginning with owning a gas
7 station with an automatic car wash in southeast Atlanta, Terry Motors in the Bankhead area,
8 and Van Motors on Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was the first African American car dealer to be listed on the Top 100 List of
10 Lincoln Mercury car dealers in the nation for his dealership, Greenbriar Lincoln Mercury,
11 and he was also ranked on the 1978 Black Enterprise List as owner of the eighth largest
12 black-owned business in America; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brantley achieved success in the nightclub business in the 1990s, beginning
14 with Hairston's in Stone Mountain, before opening the legendary entertainment venue,
15 Atrium, and the nightclub Flava, also in Stone Mountain; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he developed the luxury community of Guilford Forest in southwest Atlanta as
17 his final entrepreneurial venture, a community known for its stately homes designed with
18 classic elegance; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Booker Terry Brantley, Jr., was united in love and marriage to Baby Ruth
20 Griffith Brantley, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Dr. Vanessa T. Brantley
21 and Booker Terry Brantley, III, and four wonderful grandchildren, Alexa, Kindall, Sydney,
22 and Teri; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Booker Terry Brantley, Jr., will long be
30 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend
31 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Booker Terry Brantley, Jr., and express their deepest
34 and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
37 Booker Terry Brantley, Jr.